

## §216.5

(e) *General procedural requirements.* Except as otherwise provided herein, the provisions of part 302, subpart A, of this chapter shall apply to the extent applicable.

(f) *Issuance of Special Authorization.* A Special Authorization authorizing the carriage of blind sector traffic will be issued only if the Board finds that the proposed carriage is fully consistent with applicable law and this part, and that grant of such authority would be in the public interest. The application may be granted or denied in whole or in part without hearing, and a Special Authorization made subject to any conditions or limitations, to the extent that such action is deemed by the Board to be in the public interest. Special Authorizations are not transferable.

(g) *Nature of the privilege conferred.* A Special Authorization issued pursuant to this section shall constitute a privilege conferred upon a carrier, which may be enjoyed only to the extent that its continued exercise remains in the interest of the public. Accordingly, any Special Authorization issued pursuant to this section may be revoked, suspended, amended or restricted without hearing.

(Sec. 204(a) of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958, as amended, 72 Stat. 743 (49 U.S.C. 1324); Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1961, 75 Stat. 837, 26 FR 5989 (49 U.S.C. 1324 (note)))

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## §216.5 Existing permits.

“Foreign aircraft permits” issued by the Board under the provisions of part 375 of the Board’s Special Regulations, authorizing the combined carriage of blind sector traffic as defined in this part, shall continue in effect in accordance with their terms until their expiration date unless sooner terminated, revoked or modified by the Board. Such permits shall, upon the effective date of this part, be deemed to constitute a Special Authorization issued pursuant to §216.4.

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## §216.6 Existing unauthorized operations.

Notwithstanding the provisions of §216.3, if within 30 days after the effective date of this part a carrier files an application for a Special Authorization to continue to perform existing blind sector operations which have been regularly performed by such carrier commencing on a date prior to August 9, 1967, such carrier may continue to engage in such blind sector operations until final decision by the Board on such application: *Provided*, That any such application shall, in addition to the requirements of §216.4(a), contain a statement that the carrier is relying upon this section for continuance of preexisting blind sector operations, and shall fully describe such operations including the date inaugurated, and the frequency and continuity of performance.

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## §217.1 Definitions.

As used in this part:

*Foreign Air Carrier* means a non-U.S. air carrier holding a foreign air carrier permit or exemption authority from the Department of Transportation.

*Large Aircraft* means an aircraft designed to have a passenger capacity of more than 60 seats or a payload of more than 18,000 pounds.